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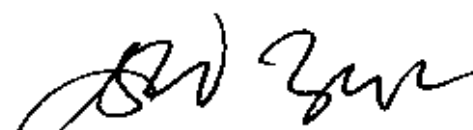
HOUSE BILL NO. 4248

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MA. JOCELYN VALERA-BERNOS
Lone District of the Province of Abra

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In our jurisdiction, the Barangay is the smallest political unit of government, and it is a unique feature of the Philippine democratic system of governance. Accordingly, barangay officials, especially the Punong Barangay, wield tremendous influence on their constituents or the residents in the barangay. Indeed, the Punong Barangay, as the chief executive of the smallest political unit of government, is in a unique position in providing basic government services to his constituents. Indeed, empowering the Punong Barangay to administer oaths is more than symbolic, but rather a confirmation that the barangay and its officials, for all their humility in the political hierarchy, play an important part in the everyday life of the Filipino people.

Hence, the immediate passage of this bill is hereby urged.


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19 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY
20 TO ADMINISTER OATH, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
21 SECTION 41 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
22 THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987
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24 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
25 *Congress assembled:*
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27 Section 1. Section 41 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as
28 the Administrative Code of 1987 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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30 "Section 41. *Officers authorized to administer oaths.*— (1) The
31 following officers have general authority to administer oath: Notaries
32 public, members of the judiciary, clerks of courts, the Secretary of the
33 either House of the Congress of the Philippines, of departments,
34 bureau directors, registers of deeds, provincial governors and
35 lieutenant-governors, city mayors, municipal mayors, PUNONG
36 BARANGAYS and any other officer in the service of the government
37 of the Philippines whose appointment is vested in the President.

38 (2) Oaths may also be administered by any officer whose duties,
39 as defined by law or regulation, require presentation to him of any
40 statement under oath."

1 Section 2. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and
2 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
3 repealed or modified accordingly.

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5 Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
6 in at least two (2) papers of general circulation.

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8 Approved.